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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1 - 11. (Canceled)

12. (New) A method for routing calls comprising:

at a service switching point associated with a subscriber line having switched-based call forwarding to voicemail associated therewith and having a specific digit string associated therewith, detecting an Off-Hook Delay trigger, wherein the Off-Hook Delay trigger includes a forward-to number;

suspending call processing to the forward-to number;

sending an infocollected message to a service control point associated with an Advanced Intelligent Network, wherein the infocollected message includes the specific digit string and the forward-to number;

comparing the forward-to number to a voicemail number associated with the subscriber line; and

based on the comparison determining whether to resume call processing to the forward-to number.

13. (New) The method of claim 12, wherein comparing the forward to number to a voicemail number associated with the subscriber line includes evaluating criteria to determine whether to forward the call to another number.

14. (New) The method of claim 13, wherein the criteria comprises a time of day.